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On 29th December, at Maternity Hospital, Mrs. S. G. A. BURKE, a son.
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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 1st, 1906.

Good resolutions are in order; and though new year resolves have come to be regarded like other promises and piousness, made to be broken, we cannot wish our readers, as we now do, one and all, a more happy and prosperous year than the one just over, without stipulating that the old custom of turning over a new leaf be adhered to for all it is worth. After all, a little of the enterprise is apt to bear fruit; and we cannot deny that, for one reason or another (chiefly the idea that the times have been put out of joint by "the war") we have been prone to a policy of "masking." Would it not be agreeable if the Government were to make a resolution that it would start in earnest to consider if business could not be helped by a Bill compelling all Chinese partnerships to be registered; to try and make life easier for our householders by instituting the official registration of servants; and to make up their minds to remember that Hongkong is after all a foreign city, foreign land, and that Chinese prejudices have been humoured long enough. A resolution not to let 1906 pass away without continuing the attack upon insubstantial avarice would be quite the proper thing to make this week. In the old days, when the Chinese had to be coaxed into the Colony, it was good policy to make allowances for their habits; but they need no inviting now, even after the foreigner has put his

foot down with regard to certain matters. Seventy years ago, come six months, the virile hand of Lord Palmerston made itself felt in the Canton river; it would be pleasant to find a similar spirit animating local politics once more. It would be pleasant, also, to learn that all directors and managers of local businesses, particularly public companies, had resolved to shut their eyes to all excuses, war effects, high exchange, enervating climate, and all other; and to induce some of the "hustle" that is regarded as a necessity elsewhere. The Hon. Mr. SHEWAN's remark concerning sport was wrongly taken up and grievously misinterpreted: there can be no doubt that we need to concentrate more attention upon business. Pleasant as life is in Hongkong, socially and otherwise, there can be no two opinions that it has its peers. To quote a common saying, we are not out here for our health's sake. Business is our raison d'être; and therefore resolutions in the direction of "strict attention to business" ought to be in order just now. Hongkong is averse to changes, the Chinese conservatism seems to pervade and permeate the local air. Hongkong was long in making up its mind that it would have to revise its methods when the Suez Canal was made. Then changes were resisted; the removal of the dominating centre to London was mistrusted; but who could have foreseen that Suez would have made Hongkong what it is today? There have been innovations as great since—Japanese evolution is a Suez, Chinese railway development is a Suez; European politics are a Suez—we must wake up to vastly changed conditions all round; and ask ourselves if there is nothing we can do to fall into step with the rest of the world. If we are to do it, now is the acceptable time—now, in these first days of 1906.

The G. O. C. is giving a children's party on Friday, 5th inst.

To-day the Naval authorities take charge of the signal station at Victoria Peak.

Commander Everett, R.N., lectures on Friday, 5th inst., to the Hongkong United Service Institution, on "Naval signalling."

The German steamer *Rhodia* from Vladivostok passed through Hongkong on December 30th with 1,943 Russian troops homeward bound.

Calendars are to hand from the Commercial Union through Mr. Trinchard Davis, and from the Yorkshire Insurance Co. through the East Asiatic Trading Co.

The following have been chosen to play for the Hongkong Football Club versus H.M.S. *Sally* at Happy Valley, to-day (Monday). Kick off at 4.15 p.m. Goal:—Dr. F. H. Kew; Backs:—J. W. Mitchell and E. Humphreys. Half-backs:—H. C. Gray, W. Ironside and A. Morley. Forwards:—A. C. Dunham, R. Whitmore, W. E. Leckie, R. Miller and J. Mead.

It is notified in the current *Gazette* that the Crown will under Section 13 of the New Territories Land Ordinance, 19-5, re-occupy upon any land in the New Territories held from the Crown in the name of any clan, family or long who have not made and proved to Land Officer the appointment of a manager or managers of such land in the manner prescribed and within the time limited by the provisions of that Ordinance.

H. M. the King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to Ordinance No. 8 of 1905 entitled: "An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding Five million seven hundred and seventeen thousand two hundred and seventy-six Dollars to the Public Service of the year 1906," and Ordinance No. 11 of 1905 entitled: "An Ordinance for raising the sum of Two Million Pounds by Loan for the purpose of defraying the cost of a Railway from Kowloon and for other Railway purposes."

POLICE COURT.

Saturday, 30th December.

BEFORE MR. F. A. HAZELARD (FIRST POLICE MAGISTRATE).

DISHONEST TRAM CONDUCTORS.

A native tram conductor was sentenced to four months' hard labour for stealing 150 tram tickets, the property of the Electric Tramway Co. Mr. J. Gray Scott, manager, prosecuted and stated there was a good deal of ticket-stealing going on, but it was exceedingly difficult to obtain the evidence to procure a conviction.

UNLICENSED LIQUOR SELLER.

A hawker named Wong Hing, charged with hawking and selling liquor on the harbour without a license, was ordered to pay fines totalling \$300.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The I.G.M. str. *Prins Eitel Friedrich* left Shanghai on Saturday at 11 a.m., and may be expected here to-morrow.

The H.A.L. str. *Rhenania*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 29th ult., a.m., and may be expected here to-morrow, p.m. The str. *Redfield* Manila on the 29th ult., at 4 p.m., and is due here to-day at daylight.

TELEGRAMS.

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NEW YEAR HONOURS.

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LONDON, 30th December.

Eight new peerages have been created, the recipients being Lord Edmond Fitzmaurice, M.P. (brother of the Marquis of Lansdowne); Sir Arthur Dyett Hayter, M.P. for Walsall; Hon. Philip Stanhope, M.P. for Harboro Division of Leicestershire, and youngest son of the Earl of Stanhope; Right Hon. Charles H. Hemphill, M.P. for North Tyrone; Sir William Wills, Chairman of the Imperial Tobacco Company; Mr. Charles Henry Wilson, M.P. for Hull; Sir James Joyce, M.P. for Chester-le-Street (Durham); and Mr. Henry Labouchere, M.P. for Northampton, who has been made a Privy Councillor.

THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION.

LONDON, 30th December.

The revolution in Moscow is ended. The revolution in Moscow is ended. The Commonwealth Parliament of Australia has prohibited the importation of opium.

WAR STORES SCANDAL.

LONDON, 30th December.

Five arrests have been made in connection with the war stores scandal.

DEATH OF A RAILWAY MAGNATE.

LONDON, 30th December.

The death of Mr. Charles Tyson Yerkes is announced.

[Mr. Yerkes was better known in England through his association with railway enterprise in London. Born at Philadelphia in 1837, he was for some time a clerk in the grain commission trade. Afterwards he became a banker but failed in 1871. Then he identified himself with street railway operations in Philadelphia and later in Chicago, subsequently becoming connected with the "tube railway" in London.]

RUSSIA.

LONDON, 28th December.

A part of the first corps returning from Manchuria proceeds to Livonia, to suppress riots. Besides the Committee, sixty to seventy of the most dangerous revolutionaries have been arrested in St. Petersburg; this marks a failure to effect a rising there similar to the one in Moscow.

29th December.

Fighting continues in Moscow. Mischonko, the famous Cossack leader, in the late war, commands the Grenadiers. Minor encounters continue in St. Petersburg and Warsaw.

The Moscow revolutionaries are still holding their own; a party broke into the house of the chief of the secret police, whom they slaughtered.

The whole of the Moscow revolutionary committee has been arrested and a quantity of bombs and explosives has been seized; the attacks on the Police barracks were repulsed with great loss, the revolutionaries afterwards distributed pamphlets, announcing an armistice, and the workmen's council met in the evening to consider the abandonment of the strike.

DEPARTURE OF BARON SUYEMATSU FROM LONDON.

LONDON, 29th December.

Baron Suyematsu has left London for Tokyo.

THE NEW FLOATING DOCK FOR THE PHILIPPINES.

LONDON, 29th December.

The new mammoth floating dock for the American navy in the Philippines has started across the Atlantic, and will proceed to the Philippines via the Suez Canal.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—
On the 31st at 12.50 p.m. The barometer has risen considerably over China, which is now covered by an anticyclonic area, whose centre lies to the North of the Upper Yangtze. Pressure is relatively low over Japan. Very strong monsoon is indicated in the Formosa Channel and the N. part of the China Sea.
Forecast:—Fresh N. winds; fair.

CANTON.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

December 30th.

THE CANTON-HARBOUR RAILWAY.

It is reported that Viceroy Shum intends to obtain a loan from the Government to proceed with the construction of the Yue-Han railway. The Provincial Treasurer, the Prefect, the Nam-hoi and Panyu magistrates and the directors of the Shih-hau-kuk held a meeting at the offices of the railway company and are considering what amount could be raised to assist the railway's affairs. The three representatives sent by Viceroy Shum to consult with Viceroy Chai Chi-tung regarding railway matters are expected to return shortly to Canton. It is reported that everything has been satisfactorily arranged and that work on the main trunk line will shortly be resumed.

THE LINGHOW AFFAIR.

It is reported that this sensational affair is now settled. The Mission receives \$50,000 compensation for the buildings destroyed. Compensation will also be paid for the missionaries murdered. Dr. Macle refuses anything for himself and will donate to the Mission society the amount he will receive on account of his wife and daughter.

The affair being settled, the 60 Sheng-Pi soldiers who were sent to Lingchow have been recalled and have now returned to Canton.

EXTRA DUTY ON RICE.

The President of the Chamber of Commerce here memorialized Viceroy Shum stating that the Chamber is informed that the Wu native customs have imposed an additional five candareen tax on rice exported to Kwangtung, and requested his Excellency to communicate with the Viceroy of the Liang-Kwang to have this tax abolished as on account of the scarcity of rice in Kwangtung, the people would suffer great hardships during the winter. Viceroy Shum has consented to write to that effect.

CHAU-TUNG-SANG.

I am informed that Chau Tung-sang's family have learnt that he is now safe in London. Although Siam has no extradition treaty with China, Chau was afraid of being kidnapped by the Viceroy's emissaries and left for England. It is reported that Viceroy Shum has sent a deputy to Lo Tze-tung, Chau's brother-in-law, offering him his own release and that of the members of Chau's family on the condition that Chau's wife would pay \$100,000. Lo refused to send his concubines to negotiate the matter as suggested.

FREEMASONRY.

At a Regular Quarterly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Scottish Freemasonry in Hongkong and South China, the following were elected as District Grand Lodge Officers for 1906:—District Grand Master, Wor. Bro. F. Howell; Substituted Grand Master, Wor. Bro. J. Dickie; District Senior Grand Warden, Wor. Bro. J. L. Andrew; District Junior Grand Warden, Wor. Bro. G. A. Watkins; District Grand Secretary, Wor. Bro. A. Horley; District Grand Treasurer, Wor. Bro. T. Stafford; District Senior Grand Chaplain, Wor. Bro. C. Fittick; District Junior Grand Chaplain, Wor. Bro. J. Smith; District Senior Grand Deacon, Wor. Bro. J. W. Graham; District Junior Grand Deacon, Wor. Bro. C. F. Focken; District Grand Architect, Wor. Bro. W. C. Jack; District Grand Director of Ceremonies, Wor. Bro. J. L. Cottor; District Grand Sword Bearer, Wor. Bro. F. J. W. Last; District Grand Organist, Wor. Bro. C. J. Tyndale Lea; District Grand Standard Bearer, Wor. Bro. N. K. Davidson; District Grand Inner Guard, Wor. Bro. H. B. Bridger; District Grand Steward, Wor. Bro. A. W. Hill; District Grand Steward, Bro. E. A. Chapman; District Grand Steward, Bro. F. Allen; District Grand Steward, Bro. A. Ritchie; District Grand Steward, Bro. J. McLaughlin and District Grand Tyler, Bro. J. Vanston.

ROMANCE OF A WEDDING DRESS.

ECHO OF THE U.S. CIVIL WAR.

Colorado is shortly to be the scene of a very interesting union of veterans, and the chief incident at the gathering will be patriotically recall the romantic part played by a wedding dress in the American civil war.

Shortly after the fighting opened, Will Kaykendall, now from his honeymoon, joined the company of Coon Thornton, afterwards a colonel in the Confederate service, and some days later wrote to his wife a letter in which he mentioned that the troop was without a flag. A high-spirited Southerner, she immediately took steps to obtain an answer. Material outside the real necessities of life was scarce, and there was nothing for it but to select from her marriage trousseau the items required. The wedding dress supplied the desired white length, the red was taken from another gown, and the blue came from the crown of a hat she wore when her husband, then lover, chose her as the Queen of Beauty at a tournament in which he was the successful knight. Across the flag were stretched the words in silk, "Treat Me Missouri."

The colour safely reached the company, and was carried for nearly a year before it fell. Prayed and full of holes, into the hands of a Federal force, commanded by Capt. (now Gen.) George West. It remained in his hands until he became aware of its history. Learning that the woman who made the flag was dead, he made diligent search for the husband, and ultimately found him, now a mayor, settled in West Wyoming. For the purpose of returning the wedding garment banner, bald-headed, yellow with age and moth-eaten, Mr. Mayor Kaykendall, the survivors of the companies led by Gen. West and the late Col. Thornton have, so far as they can be traced, been requested to assemble at Colorado.

LOCAL SPORT.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

The two day's match between these teams was started on the club ground on Saturday, when the following scores were made:—

THE NAVY.			
Lieut. Commr. Lewis, b. Lewis	0		
Mr. Woodward, b. Lewis	23		
Lieut. Buxton, b. Arthur, b. Mackay	25		
Lieut. Hentow, not out, retired	106		
Lieut. Gibson, not out	37		
Commr. Bondick, c. Arthur, b. Fowler	0		
Mr. Parker, b. Sercombe, Smith	24		
Rev. Hastings, b. Mackay	26		
Mr. Ling, c. b. b. Mackay	0		
Lieut. Barrett, c. b. Mackay	14		
Dr. Herley, not out	3		
Extras	11		
Total	283		

H.K.C.C. v. NAVY.			
E. A. Fowler, c. Bentinck, b. Hastings	4		
R. E. O. Bird, b. Hastings	7		
H.W. v. A. ANALYSIS.			
THE NAVY.			
Lewis	0	M.	W.
Bird	11	46	2
Mr. Woodward	9	24	1
Sercombe Smith	11	50	1
Mackay	11.5	41	3
Fowler	3	20	1
McKenzie	1	19	0
Tucker	11	44	1

THE LEAGUE MATCH WAS PLAYED ON THE POLICE ground at Happy Valley on Saturday, and was won by Kowloon by one wicket and 64 runs. The following are the scores:—

KOWLOON.			
W. E. Dixon, b. Kerr	23		
Lightfoot, b. Kerr	23		
W. Dixon, c. Mackay, b. Shepherd	0		
Beer, c. Kerr, b. Shepherd	6		
Marlin, b. Kerr, b. Shepherd	24		
Chandler, c. Langley, b. Shepherd	0		
J. W. Mitchell, b. Kerr	12		
Robinson, not out	12		
Dr. Swan, b. Shepherd	0		
Blacklock, b. Kerr	3		
Extras	5		
Total	110		

H.K.C.C. v. NAVY.			
W. E. Dixon, b. Kerr	7		
Winter, b. W. E. Dixon	0		
Edwards, c. b. W. E. Dixon	1		
Langley, b. W. E. Dixon	3		
Shepherd, c. Blacklock, b. W. E. Dixon	15		
Kerr, b. W. E. Dixon	0		
Cyde, b. W. E. Dixon	0		
Pitt, b. W. E. Dixon	0		
Powder, c. Beer, b. W. E. Dixon	12		
Woodhouse, not out	1		
Mackay, b. W. E. Dixon	0		
Extras	7		
Total	46		

BOWLING ANALYSIS.			
POLICE.			
Kerr	0	M.	W.
Shepherd	17	5	4
Edwards	14	58	5
Edwards	4	11	—
KOWLOON.			
W. E. Dixon	0	M.	W.
W. Dixon	9	1	29

CHALLENGE "A" TEAM v. PARSERS.
Played on the Craigengower ground at Happy Valley on Saturday, this match ended in a win for the visitors by fifty runs. Scores are:—

PARSERS.			
S. Balliwalla, b. Irving	13		
J. Vassini, b. Fairholm	27		
H. Postonji, c. Fairholm, b. Vincenot	18		
V. F. Vincenot, b. Vincenot	28		
A. Ching, c. Vincenot, b. Fairholm	3		
F. M. Bicki, b. Vincenot	3		
J. Bujonji, c. A. E. Asger, b. Fairholm	1		
Kanga, not out	14		
P. Balliwalla, c. Vincenot, b. Fairholm	3		
Tamporewalla, c. Asger, b. Fairholm	16		
C. Mondwalla, run out	4		
Extras	1		
Total	131		

CHALLENGE "A" TEAM.			
J. W. Stewart, b. Kanga	13		
K. Irving, b. Kanga	1		
H. Bujonji, b. Postonji	1		
M. E. Asger, c. Vincenot, b. Kanga	2		
J. Fairholm, b. Postonji	23		
L. A. Rose, b. Postonji	0		
E. L. Vincenot, b. Kanga	16		
R. Baza, b. Kanga	0		
A. E. Asger, b. Kanga	0		
L. Vincenot, c. Balliwalla, b. Postonji	11		
A. C. Mack, not out	1		
Extras	6		
Total	81		

BOWLING ANALYSIS.			
CHALLENGE "A" TEAM.			
Lammet	0	M.	W.
Irving	4	25	1
Baza	3	15	—
Fairholm	11.4	1	30
Vincenot	5	29	3

The match arranged between the Civil Service C.C. and the R.E. on Saturday did not take place owing to the failure of the latter to turn up.

FOOTBALL.

ENGLAND AND WALES VICTORIOUS.

The International Rugby match played on the Hongkong Club's ground at Happy Valley on Saturday resulted in a win for the Southrons. The ground was wet and heavy, and the players had difficulty in keeping their feet, consequently play was not very fast.

Result: England and Wales, 19 points; Scotland and Ireland, 10 points.

ROYAL ENGINEERS v. NAVALYARD.
This match was played at Happy Valley on Saturday and ended in an easy victory for the Engineers. The players lined up as under:—

Engineers: Armstrong, goal; Dunn and Henwood, backs; J. Amplett, Kinner and Hamblin, halves; Turner, Harkell, Heatley, Amplett and Davis, forwards.

Navalyard: Gibbons, goal; Walker and Jackson, backs; Watson, Radcliffe and Marryat, halves; Johnson, Bristow, Coyne, Davenport and McLellan, forwards.

Although they started play with only nine men, the Engineers compelled the Navalyard to defend. Davis got on the leather, and after a smart run down the left wing put in a nice centre, which Heatley took and notched the Engineers' first goal. On the re-start the soldiers again pressed, and Amplett succeeded in passing the yard's keeper with a fast low drive. Following this Heatley and Amplett again scored one apiece

in quick succession. The yard forwards then broke away, and Coyne, working the leather through the field gained the first and only goal scored by the Navalyard. Once again the Engineers took up the running; Gibbons returned a shot from Davis, but the latter played, fiddling the ball well, was successful in his second attempt.

Half-time:—R.E., 5; Navalyard, 1.
As they started the second half both goalies and players looked the worse for wear, the arena being studded with pools of water. The Navalyard had a good foothold on Engineer territory, but the pressure was relieved by one of their men being ruled off side. From a corner conceded by the yard Heatley headed the leather into the net, and on the re-start he again carried the ball triumphantly through the field and was successful in outwitting the yard's defender. After this the yard held their own for a time, but Heatley broke away again, and with an unerring kick again found the net. Amplett scored a ninth, and the soldiers were still pressing when the whistle sounded.

Result: R.E. 9; Navalyard, 1.

R.M.S. "DIADEN" v. H.M.S. "TAMAR."
Played on the Naval ground, this was one of the best matches witnessed at Happy Valley for the season. For once the *Tamar* were outclassed by superior play, and if the *Diaden* team continues to improve as it has done during the past few weeks, their chances for the shield should be the remotest. They played a fast and pretty game, and one against which the *Tamar* were unsuccessful in competing.

Result: H.M.S. *Diaden*, 2; H.M.S. *Tamar*, 1.

1905. A HONGKONG RETROSPECT.

GENERAL AND CURSORY.

The year just ended may be mentioned as perhaps the most momentous of the current decade. We began it by anticipating the victory of Admiral Togo over Admiral Rozhdestvenski, the retention of Weihaiwei, and the final settlement of the Tibet affair. The first we have seen realized; the second is practically assured; and about the third there seems still to hang a cloud. China has not yet confirmed our treaty; but otherwise there is no difficulty, and China so often plays the dog in the manger that it is not probable any will be allowed to rise as a consequence of this particular illustration of her stiff-neckedness. The episode most prominent in the year just over was, of course, the conclusion of peace between Russia and Japan. The end of war, and the beginning of peace, in which Hongkong was as vitally interested as any other part of the world not immediately involved, are too fresh in the memory, have left too vivid an impression, to need detailed comment here.

LOCAL.

We may pass at once to the strictly local aspects of the year, and here we are at once reminded of the extraordinary rise in the exchange (of which more anon), the general complaints of dear house rents and increased cost of living, the shifting of the business centre nearer to the sea, and (we hope not regarded as congruous) the depression in the money market. The year opened badly if we take crime as a criterion. Within the first fortnight, we had the first triple hanging in our history, by which three young "householders" paid the penalty for murdering a sampan woman under circumstances of singular brutality. This was followed almost immediately by an incident not of piracy by Chinese within the harbour limits; and within a few days of that there was a fatal case of "amok." Cases of armed robbery were distressingly frequent throughout the year; in July there was a manslaughter case which created a temporary bad feeling between the military and civilian communities; and the Linchow massacre and the Shanghai riot, in the last two months of the year, although extraneous occurrences, added to the sum of our year's painful sensations.

LEGISLATION.

His Excellency the Governor has not been able, as we hoped he might, to oblige us with any legislative reform in the way of the registration of servants nor the registration of Chinese partnerships, though both have been regularly mooted as desirable measures. The chief feature of the year's legislation was undoubtedly the recent Bill which gave power to raise a loan for the purpose of furthering the Kowloon-Canton Railway project; and we enter 1906 with the liveliest hopes of having more encouraging progress to report in our next retrospect. In this connection also we must not overlook the loan made by the Hongkong Government to the Wuchang Viceroy for the purpose of redeeming from the American-China Development Company the concession for the great trunk line of railway which is to connect Hankow with Canton. What high political considerations lie at the back of this novel act of the Government must be left for the future to reveal.

THE RAILWAY OPENING OF CHINA.

The fact is that until 1905 the phrase "opening of China" was a misnomer. The currents had been picked off the cake, as it were, by the opening of coast ports; but the first incisions of the carving knife were made in the period under review, as exemplified by the formal opening of the Peking-Hankow Railway, the extension of the line from Shanghai inland, and the other manifestations of railway enterprise to which reference has just been made. The activity of Peking and the Canton Viceroy in the matter of the Kwangtung railways, as reported in our last issue for 1905, enables us to begin the next course with an appetite.

MONEY MATTERS.

Financially, the year has been an unsatisfactory one, the Chinese residents being most "under the weather," and their stringency, coupled with war effects, the rising exchange, and so on, has had a most depressing effect on the share market. The most relieving feature has been the continual enhancement in the value of the shares of our premier bank, the Hongkong and Shanghai, which began the year at \$710 and reached \$915 in August. Their subsequent decline to \$860 was due, of course, to the desire to transmute dollars into gold, when the unusual rise in exchange seemed to make that the only popular transaction. The closing rate of \$890 is still \$150 more than the closing rate of 1904. The benefit of this will be felt most by the shareholders at home, who are supposed to possess fully eighty per cent. of this popular stock. The substantial rise had substantial causes, the very solid administration being an important factor, and the Bank made enormous profits from the several Japanese war loans, and the Shanghai-Nanking Railway loan. A rich corporation like this is also enabled to take greater advantage of the fluctuations in exchange by which others may be embarrassed. The "H. & S." indeed, appears to have firmly founded that even a cyclone of commercial crises cannot shake it. Banking generally ought to have flourished on the increasing turnover; and we are therefore particularly sorry to note the disappearance during the past year of the local branch of the Imperial Bank of China.

SHIPPING.

Shipping shares were a feature to which the public looked very hopefully during the year, but though charters were plenty and freights high, shareholders can scarcely be said

to have been satisfied. "Indo-China" rose to \$132 on the strength of the "fat" year; and the disappointment (in some cases telegraphed half way round the world) at the small improvement on "loan" year returns, is still rankling. There was an immediate slump from \$125 to \$100 in June, and they are carried into the new year at \$90.

OF DIVIDENDS IN GENERAL.

We do not say the policy of the directors was wrong altogether; but in view of the peculiar conditions under which most stocks are held in this Colony, more consideration might be extended to those investors whose interest endures for terms of four to six years, and then ceases, without injury to posterity. After all, the most permanent investor imaginable cannot prefer the fluctuating dividends to which he is accustomed (we are not now speaking of any particular company) to returns more consistent with earnings. We will probably have to wait for England's lead for legislation on this turning question; but in the meantime, we commend to the consideration of thoughtful persons (including His Excellency the Governor and all others set in authority over us) the unhealthy possibilities underlying a wholly unfettered discretion which may hoard up money and, suddenly, without warning or sufficient cause, announce a "thumping" dividend. It is not a new problem; the relation of business and speculation; but such years as 1905 bring it more forcibly before us, and as we may be excused for this apparatus digression. To avoid any misunderstanding, we should say at once that the returns from shipping generally were not in accordance with what were looked for, and disappointment was not confined to any one company.

MARINE INSURANCE.

A good shipping year spurs a good insurance year, usually, and so far as we can ascertain, there is no reflex here of the unceasing grumbling on the London market. "Union" rose from \$630 to \$710, and for them the new year opens most hopefully. "Canton" began at \$250 and closed at \$325. "Yangtze" rose \$20, and "China Traders" progressed from \$57 to \$91, the closing rate being a *cum div.* one. Here the feature of the year has been the combination, not actually accomplished, but decided upon, a decision almost universally extolled, and an example that seems well worth the consideration of such companies as united might flourish and divided fall. Fire insurance companies have for some reason not attracted speculation, and their quotations at the end of the year are just what they were at the beginning. Their exclusion from the field of speculation appears to have done them no harm, the happy investors in "Hongkong Fires" drawing eleven per cent, and "China Fires" eight and a quarter.

SUGAR.

A serious drop in prices was experienced at the beginning of the year, but now the market is becoming steadier, and prospects are regarded as bright. Local retailers did well during the year. "China Sugar" and "Taito" (a private concern) distinguishing themselves. Hongkong people are very largely interested in "China Sugars," and are hoping for a repetition of the handsome returns of 1904. The shares touched \$216 during the year, when there was perhaps too much speculation; and the closing drop to \$209 is due to reports of the big continental beet crop, to the cheapness of raw sugar and Java sugar, and, of course, partly to the general depression. This serious decline has disappointed several holders who had bought on time. "Luxons" fluctuated from \$15 to \$31 owing to rumours that the property was to be sold, and once they got down to \$14. They close at \$21.

MINES.

Very little interest was taken in these things, and with the exception of Chinese Engineering and Mining Co.'s stock, things are as they were at the end of 1904. "C.E.M." having produced an attractive dividend, start the new year at \$18.70.

WHAVERIES AND GARDENS.

The Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. has had an exceedingly busy year, and must have earned handsome profits. The shares, however, appreciated only four dollars in the twelve months, due no doubt to the policy of spending largely on improvements out of revenue, a policy good for posterity, but not appreciated by the average Hongkong investor. Say a merchant buys 200 of these shares with spare capital; he is satisfied with his five per cent. and the safety due to the spending of three or four per cent. on his asset. In two or three years, however, as in 1905, there comes a tight year and high exchange; and he needs the capital. He sells out, and leaves others to reap the benefit of those improvements.

A BAD YEAR FOR DOCKS.

"Docks" have been a sore point with investors and dealers. "George Fenwick's" started at \$45 and closed at \$26; "Hongkong and Whampoa" started at \$216 and closed at \$164; "Farmhouse" started at \$153 and closed at \$125; and "New Amoy" started at \$27 and closed at \$17. Thus a man who closes Far Eastern docks here in 1905 as an investment would begin again this year with about three fourths of his original capital. The war is blamed for the bad business, steamers taken off the regular lines to serve as transports and so on. Increasing competition lowering prices without a corresponding drop in expenses probably has a good deal to do with it. The Hongkong docks suffered disappointment during the year at the failure to raise the wrecked French cruiser *Sully*. It must appear singular that with Hongkong enjoying the reputation of being the world's leading shipping port, with over nineteen million tons of shipping passing through our docks should have to complain of scarcity of employment. It is a mercy, in view of this strange development,

that the proposals of two years ago, to build more large docks here, were defeated. Of course we look forward still to a time when the present docks will not be able to cope with all the work offering; but such optimism was impossible in 1905. What we cultivated then was patience.

LAND.

The year 1905 was marked by a curious shrinkage of land values, property declining in cases as much as twenty and twenty-five per cent. This was due, no doubt, to the financial stringency and the absence of speculators. As a result, "Hongkong Lands" retrogressed from \$147 to \$124; but "Humphreys Estates" held their own, ending the year as they began, at \$12.50. An appreciation of \$2.50 in eighteen years, however, is nothing to boast of; and now that combinations are in the air, we wonder if a merger of land investment companies might not brighten things for 1906.

INDUSTRIES.

Our local cement works ("Green Island"), have had a good year, and owing to increasing business, had to venture on a new issue of one for every two old shares. This made the average market value \$263; and the closing rate (steady one) is given at \$281. The Hongkong Cotton Mill made a splendid showing during the year, paying ten per cent. on the reduced capital, and the shares closed at rates only a trifle higher than they opened. In view of the general boom in cotton, the prosperity at Shanghai, in India and Japan, those who hold original \$100 shares complain that they have a right to expect a little better return than the actual one per cent.; and are hoping that the management will make strenuous efforts to keep in the van of progress. During the year, all other stocks practically held their own, with some insignificant retrogressions; and while more "hustle" and enterprise is undoubtedly called for, the consensus of opinion is that local business is weathering a crisis with comparative credit.

GENERAL RETURNS.

Below we give sundry returns under various headings, which have been compiled and collected at rather short notice. Supplementary figures will be given as they come in.

EXCHANGE.

The year opened with a T.T. rate of 1/11-9-16, which gradually advanced until 2/0-1-16 was reached at the end of January, before the Chinese New Year. After that festival, with its very disastrous settlement by the Chinese of their liabilities, rates fell away until the lowest point of 1/9 was reached on 10th April. Rates held their own after that, moving quietly between 1/10 and 1/11 until August. A prevalent opinion that rates would fall as soon as the war was over was entirely disproved by events subsequent to the peace of August. Exchange continued to be steadily firm and for the month of 22nd August the T.T. rate advanced to 1/11 and it has not been below 1/11 since. In November a sharp rise occurred owing to demands for silver both by Russia and India, and also for the redemption of the war notes in Manchuria by Japan. Rates advanced to over 2/1 early in November and before the end of that month had touched 304 pence per oz., a price which has not been equalled during five years, and the T.T. advanced to 2/1 1/2 where it remained for three days. With slight fluctuation, it went back during the first half of December to 2/0, although the price of silver advanced until it touched 30 5/16d. per oz. For a similar high price of silver, we have to go back to 1896. The year closes with a firmer market at 2/9-15-16, and while not posing as prophets, we think there is every prospect of the dollar remaining in the region of 2/ for some time to come. In this connection it is interesting to note the different opinion held in two neighbouring colonies. In Hongkong there appears to be a strong predilection in favour of low exchange, but opinion in Singapore seems to be concentrated in favour of a high exchange.

YARN.

The trade of last year on the whole may be said to have been a brisk one and more profitable to importers than previous years. This is accounted for by the small stocks which were available at the commencement of the year, cheap raw material and bumper crops of food-stuffs. It was not as remunerative to the native dealers, as the violent fluctuations in exchange and the recent tightness of the money market had an adverse effect, and some severe losses had to be faced. The year closed with an unusually heavy stock and a slack market.

Persian.—Owing to short supplies there has been considerable advance in values, with the result that it appears to have fallen into disuse.

PIECE GOODS.

Cotton had a phenomenal rise during late months which has tended to make business difficult. Without that rise there would have been more disastrous results to the Chinese than they have yet experienced. It helped to steady prices.

COTTON.

Importers have not done badly during the past year, for though values here have not responded to the enhanced cost in Bombay; the steadiness of silver and rise in exchange have more than covered the loss in prices. Chinese dealers did not however fare so well. Imports to Hongkong during 1905 amounted to 338,696 bales against 211,605 in 1904, an increase of 50 per cent. Sales, on the other hand, have not been so brisk.

SILK.

The Canton silk this year shows a deficiency of 10 to 20 per cent. having suffered from Japanese competition. In addition to the short crop the Chinese have lost heavily through the rise in exchange, being able to buy less for the dollar; while the Japanese have had the

advantage of a fixed basis. Trade has also been bad in America which is one of the principal outlets for Canton silk.

TEA.

The Canton tea business shows a further diminution in export and is gradually becoming a thing of the past.

METALS.

In this department also the trade during the year was very slack. Dealers have only had a hard to mouth business, partly on account of the disturbed financial condition and partly because of the Home markets steadily rising, in consequence of which local dealers hesitated to speculate. Still local markets have followed Home markets very closely.

OPPIUM.

Bengal Opium.—Taking it all round the trade has not been lucrative. Heavy stocks and fluctuations have acted against all interests. The Indian Government sold during the year 48,000 chests, and next year the quantity to be sold has been increased by 400 chests per month.

Malaya Opium.—During the early part of the year the trade was satisfactory but as prices advanced the consumption fell off owing to competition with the cheaper Bengal Opium.

FLOUR.

There was a big falling off in flour this year, the boycott and the financial state of China contributing to this result. About 3,400,000 sacks of American flour were imported into Hongkong last year as against 4,645,000 in 1904 and 5,511,000 in 1903. There has however been a fair importation from Australia. Flour is moving very slowly here, and in French China the boycott is making itself felt in this commodity.

KEROSENE.

The trade here has shown no development. What business has been lost by America on account of the boycott has been transacted by others, but there has been no increase nor decrease. The Standard Oil figures for the year are expected about the middle of the month.

LUBRICANTS.

1905 has been a prosperous year for the Vacuum Oil Company, who now that Hongkong has become the first port in the world, have decided to establish their head office here, removing it from Singapore.

SUNDRIES.

This trade, in the hands of small dealers, suffered more than the others from the tightness of money, the small dealers not having the facilities for buying.

TONNAGE.

Business during the year has been fairly slack except for demands created by the war. Freight at home are good at present, and it is expected that a number of ships will leave the coast. Already three small German ships have gone and five Norwegian have left or are going.

The rice crop in Saigon was poor last year, and the exports to Hongkong from April 1st to November 17th only amounted to 584,000 piculs. To the Philippines there were exported 2,355,500 piculs during 1905 and 2,807,000 in 1904. To Japan the amount exported in 1905 was 1,161,500 in 1905 and 1,315,900 in 1904. The exports to Java in 1905 amounted to 48,800 as against 631,100 piculs the previous year. The total export from Saigon in 1905 was 6,503,600 piculs, as against 11,167,000 the year before, a material reduction.

It was reported that the new crop at Saigon was particularly good, but according to latest advices, owing to the lack of rain, it is not expected to turn out so well as was at first anticipated. Japan, where there has been a rice famine, will have to import a lot of rice. Already about 70,000 tons of Rangoon rice have been sold for shipment to Japan during the months of February, March and April, and about 50,000 tons of Saigon rice have been purchased for shipment during the same period.

The average rate ruling from South Japan coal ports to Hongkong has been \$1.50/1.6, and to Singapore \$1.8. From Saigon to Hongkong the highest rate was 17 cents and the lowest 8 cents; from Saigon to Java, highest 33 cents, lowest 22 cents; Saigon to Philippines, highest 35 cents, lowest 24 cents. Java to Hongkong—wet sugar, highest 35 cents, lowest 25 cents; dry sugar highest 24 cents, lowest 22 cents.

Owing to the great demand for coal in Japan with its attendant rising of prices, steamship agents have had to make contracts for supplies from India and Australia.

"A. K. H. B."

Stories of Dr. Boyd, better known as "A. K. H. B.," are always welcome, and so far as we know, two new ones were told by Dr. Muir, of Cape Town, at last night's dinner of St. Andrews Men in London. On one occasion, at a watering place, the author of "The Reverend of a Country Parson" was recognized by an English clergyman, who addressed him as "my Calvinistic brother." "I am not a Calvinist, I am a Presbyterian," was the answer. "What is the difference?" queried the stranger. "Well, sir," was the reply, "if I had been a Calvinist I should have resigned you to be tormented by predestination; as a Presbyterian I say you will be damned on your merits."

The other story told by Dr. Muir, of "Determinants" and other fables, concerned Professor Ludovic Fischer and "A. K. H. B." They had been working together on the same education committee, and on some particular matter had not seen eye to eye. The next day they met in the street, and "A. K. H. B." passed him without recognition. "The Professor, who was on his way to college at the time, commenced his lecture by drawing four lines in geometrical form, and placed at each corner the well-known initials, remarking, 'Gentlemen, 'A. K. H. B.' is a rhomboid.'

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CHINA'S NEW ARMY.

AN INTERESTING INTERVIEW.

Since the events of 1900 China has shown a desire to introduce long-needed reforms; in the case of the Army this is seen very clearly, for China possesses now all the makings of a real national army, organised and drilled on the model of the Japanese Army, so that in fifteen years' time it will have at least 450,000 soldiers on a peace footing. According to the recent law concerning the reorganisation of the Chinese Army, the thirty-six divisions, comprising the infantry, cavalry, artillery, engineers and transport service, are to be formed as they shall be required, and doubtless also with regard to the funds available therefor, from 18 5/8 to 1922. In 1922 the active contingent capable of immediate mobilisation will be 501,000 men, and the cost involved in maintaining the Imperial Army will amount, according to the estimates, to fifty-four million taels, or £28,000,000, annually. For the present the provinces of Chi-li, Honan, Chuan-tung, and Shan-si have been re-organised on new lines. They will comprise an active army, or *chang-pai-kuan*; a first line of reserve, or *shou-pai-kuan*; and a second reserve, *kho-pai-kuan*. The infantry, cavalry and artillery are divided into regiments. The infantry, *ku-tou*, is grouped either in brigades, *shih*, or in regiments, *piao*, which are composed of three battalions. Finally, the base element is the *pong*, of four hundred men, of whom two are non-commissioned officers.

The cavalry, *ma-toe*, is always formed on a war footing, with three reinforced squadrons, and a regiment of artillery, *psao-toe*, has nine batteries, of which six are equipped with field guns, and three with mountain guns. The engineers, *kung-chung-toe*, and the transport, *tsung-chung-toe*, are in battalions, each of four companies, and on a war footing both branches comprise eight or ten coolies added to every battalion. Every Chinese division, for there are no Army Corps, has 54 guns, 54 ammunition waggon, 360 boxes of ammunition, twelve quick-firing guns, and 100 waggons for carrying provisions and general material.

Two Chinese Army officers are at present in Europe on a special mission; they are Major-General Chang and Colonel Wei. They have been interviewed recently in Vienna, when their remarks were as follows:

"The work of transforming the Chinese Army has made such good progress that it may be expected to be finished within a year's time. It can easily be understood that the Army will not be brought all at once up to the same level, and also that in those districts of the Empire in which the work of re-organisation has been begun some time ago the results of the present reform will be developed more quickly than in other provinces. The essential point is that the Chinese forces, which hitherto have been divided into various armies varying very much both in strength and value, shall become entirely uniform in respect to their equipment, their drill, equipment, training, and, in fact, in every detail. This unification will be so a first in the suppression of the former method of calling the various armies after particular provinces, and then by distributing the entire army among army corps, which will be numbered. The arms are the same as those used in all modern armies in the five branches of arms. The old equipment of arms has been replaced already everywhere by modern material. The uniform of every branch of arms, and the badges denoting rank, have been duly fixed. The drilling is exactly the same everywhere, and the Empire is nearly the same everywhere, and all the regulations concerning the command, rank, military honours, and the like are now uniform in the whole of China.

"Another point of no less importance in the re-organisation of the Chinese Army is the abolition of the old custom of civil functionaries being allowed to hold military positions; such positions, which heretofore were reserved exclusively for officers of the Army.

"The length of service has been fixed; hitherto it has been entirely arbitrary; henceforth it will consist of three years with the Colours, three years in the Reserve, and three years in the Militia. The military authorities are working in the direction of introducing conscription by making it obligatory on every province to furnish a certain number of recruits. Thus, at the end of 1905, China will have an Army of more than 400,000 men, all Regular Army, and in ten years' time it will be able to troops, and in ten years' time it will be able to raise an army of 1,200,000 trained soldiers.

"Under this new order of things, a new spirit has come over the Chinese Army. The sentiment of duty and a liking for a military career have grown considerably among the Chinese officers, as a body, while in all the ranks of the Army there is visible an activity, which permits us to hope that the transformation of China's military forces will be crowned with success and established on solid bases within a short space of time."

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